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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO IMPLEMENT A FITNESS TRAINING REGIMEN FOR STATE SHERIFFS AND ADULT CORRECTIONS OFFICERS, MANDATE ALL SHERIFFS AND ADULT CORRECTIONS OFFICERS TO REGULARLY PERFORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINIMUM FITNESS STANDARDS DURING SERVICE IN PUBLIC FIELD DUTY, AND ANNUALLY TEST STATE SHERIFFS AND ADULT CORRECTIONS OFFICERS.

1 WHEREAS, the Sheriff Division of the Department of Public
2 Safety strives to preserve the peace statewide by protecting all
3 state facilities, as well as all persons and property within
4 premises under the control of the Judiciary; providing process
5 services and executing court documents; handling detained
6 persons and providing secure transportation for persons in
7 custody; and sustaining law enforcement services at the Honolulu
8 International Airport; and
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10 WHEREAS, Adult Corrections Officers operate under the
11 Corrections Division of the Department of Public Safety to
12 ensure safe, secure, and humane environments for those persons
13 who have been legally incarcerated in jails and prisons
14 throughout the State; and
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16 WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy and fit workforce in any
17 industry guards against the financial burdens resulting from
18 long term healthcare costs for the state government and
19 individuals alike; and
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21 WHEREAS, the health and fitness of State Sheriffs and Adult
22 Corrections Officers are especially imperative for public well-
23 being because these professionals shoulder the responsibilities
24 of physically managing inmates with violent histories whose
25 disruptive behavior, if inadequately restrained, could pose
26 risks to themselves, staff, other inmates, and institutional
27 order, and whose escapes could compromise the safety of Hawaii's
28 general population; and



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2 WHEREAS, benchmark requirements of physical fitness are
3 currently demanded of successful applicants to the Adult
4 Corrections Officer position in Hawaii, which include minimum
5 scores, according to age group, in the performance of a push-up
6 trial, sit-up trial, and 1.5-mile run/walk; and
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8 WHEREAS, State Sheriff applicants must pass a physical
9 agility test before being considered for employment and must
10 undergo a rigorous physical training regiment as part of their
11 education and processing; and
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13 WHEREAS, no continuing physical training or fitness
14 requirements are required of State Sheriffs or Adult Corrections
15 Officers after they are hired and employed; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
19 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
20 Public Safety is encouraged to implement a fitness training
21 regimen for State Sheriffs and Adult Corrections Officers and
22 mandate all State Sheriffs and Adult Corrections Officers to
23 regularly perform in accordance with minimum fitness standards;
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
27 is urged to encourage physical fitness training amongst staff
28 and annually test State Sheriffs and Adult Corrections Officers
29 in strength, mobility, and endurance to indicate their abilities
30 to effectively carry out their responsibilities and duties
31 within the Department; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
35 of Public Safety, Hawaii Government Employees Association, and
36 United Public Workers.
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